

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2811 – SB 2728**

February 16, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to enter into formal agreements with business groups, civic organizations, clubs and individuals to volunteer to clean certain bridges along the state highway system and to erect signs recognizing and expressing appreciation to a provider of volunteer services.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant**

**Assumptions:**

- According to TDOT, the Department enters into contracts with city or county maintenance departments to conduct litter clean-up at a cost of approximately \$25,000 per contract. Contracts are typically issued for a period of one year.
- According to TDOT, approximately 10 bridges will be cleaned and maintained by volunteers each year. No contracts are issued specifically for bridge cleaning or maintenance but existing litter highway clean-up contracts may include bridges on those highways.
- Authorizing volunteers to accept minimal responsibility to clean and maintain bridges along state highway systems will reduce the cost of litter clean-up contracts that otherwise would include bridges. There will be a small increase in costs to the Department for safety equipment and signage expressing appreciation to volunteers. This cost will be offset by the reduced cost of litter clean-up contracts. The net impact on state expenditures will not be significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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